# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:159
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2016
Security of Indian Students in Ukraine
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian students have been killed/injured in a recent attack in Ukraine and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Indian Government has taken up the matter with Ukraine;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Ukraine Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government for ensuring the safety and security of the Indian students in Ukraine?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 159 REGARDING "SECURITY OF INDIAN STUDENTS IN UKRAINE" FOR ANSWER ON 04.05.2016

(a) Yes. Three Indian students of Uzhgorod Medical College in Ukraine were stabbed by three Ukrainian nationals at around 3 AM in the morning of Sunday, 10 April 2016. Shri Pranav Shaindilya, R/o Muzaffarnagar, UP and Shri Ankur Singh, R/o Ghaziabad, UP succumbed to the stabbing. The third student Shri Indrajeet Singh Chauhan, R/o Agra, UP, however, survived and was discharged on 21 April, 2016 from the hospital, viz Uzhgorod City Hospital, and is recuperating in college hostel. Preliminary investigations suggest robbery could have been the motive of the incident.

(b) & (c) Yes. Our Embassy in Kyiv has taken up the matter of the safety of Indian students strongly with the Foreign Office of Ukraine on 11 April, 2016 and requested for expeditious investigation of the issue. In parallel, our Ambassador has also met the Chief of Police of Ukraine on 14 April, 2016 and requested that trial of the accused be expedited and the criminals be brought to justice. Our Embassy has also taken up the matter with the Prosecutor General Office of Uzhgorod region on 21 April, 2016 seeking speedy trial.

(d) Embassy regularly visits the universities, interacts with the students and discusses safety and security aspects with the university authorities. In addition, our Embassy periodically issues advisories for Indian Nationals; advice on personal safety and security is integral part of such advisories.